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SUBJECT: ICAO COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH COUNSELOR ITALO MASTROGIOVANNI OF FONOFF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION. MASTROGIOVANNI SAID THAT BRAZIL HAS BEEN PLEASED, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, WITH THE COMPETENT MANAGEMENT OF, AND STABILITY IN, ICAO. THEY WOULD THEREFORE NOT, AT THIS POINT, BE IN FAVOR OF REORGANIZATION. HE ADDED THAT BRAZIL PRESENTLY HAS NO CANDIDATES IN MIND FOR EITHER THE PTESIDENCY OR THE SECRETARIAT-GENERAL, AND WOULD DIFINITELY BE IN FAVOR OF CONTINUITY IN OFFICE.

2. MASTROGIOVANNI SAID THAT ABOVE COMMENTS WERE THE IMPRESSIONS HE HAD AS A MEMBER OF CERNAL. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO CONFIRM THESE VIEWS WITH CERNAL BEFORE MAKING THEM OFFICIAL.

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3. AT EMBASSY'S REQUEST. CONGEN RIO DISCUSSED
SELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT WITH BRIG. EDIVIO CALDAS
SANTOS, CERNAI PRESIDENT, BRINGING OUT POINTS
MENTIONED PARA 3 AND 4 IN REFTEL. WHILE FINDING MUCH
MERIT IN DEPARTMENT'S POSITION, BRIG. EDIVIO DEPRECATED
IDEA THAT ICAO'S NEW PRESIDENT COULD BE
SELECTED IN NON-POLITICAL FASHION. BRIG. EDIVIO
STATED THAT ICAO IS ALREADY HEAVILY "POLITICIZED"
AND RECOUNTED HIS EXPERIENCES AT VARIOUS ICAO
CONFERENCES TO THIS END. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, ABILITY
OF ICAO STAFF, PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
RUN DAY-TO-DAY AFFAIRS IMPARTIALLY.

4. BRIG. EDIVIO STATED THAT BRAZIL DID NOT HAVE
CANDIDATE FOR ICAO POST. DECISION ON CANDIDATE WOULD
BE MADE AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF
"CALAC," LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION CONSULTATIVE
GROUP. HE NOTED THAT AFRICAN AND ARAB BLOCS HAD
POWER TO ELECT ALMOST ANY CANDIDATE THEY WISHED. HE
STATED FURTHER THAN KOTIATE, BEING LEBANESE, WOULD
DRAW SUPPORT FROM AFRO-ARAB BLOC MAKING HIS ELECTION
LIKELY. HE PRAISED PERFORMANCE OF BOTH BINAGHI
AND KOTAITE AT ICAO.
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